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FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING SYSTEM

HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY STABLE VACUUM

LEVEL AND METHOD FOR USING SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(a), this Information

Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with an

AMENDMENT in the above-identified United States Patent

Application and includes copies of Prior Art, setforth below, which appears to be pertinent to the invention.

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A Form PTO-1449 LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT comprising four (4) sheets are also herewith. Copies of the cited United States Patents are available to the Examiner in the United States Patent Office's electronic search system, and for this reason, copies of the same are not included herewith.

Copies of the other cited art including Foreign Cited art are enclosed herewith. If the Examiner's desires copies of the United States Patents, Applicant will be pleased to provide such copies to the Examiner at the request of the Examiner.

ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

REMARKS

None of the prior art described above anticipates, discloses, suggests or teaches the invention disclosed in the Specification and claimed herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this prior art and to include the same as listed prior art in the United States Patent issuing hereon.

Respectfully submitted

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